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MEMORANDUM

TO: PRAPTOLD

FROM:

SUBJECT: HTGRUBBY Progress Report, 15 December 1952 - 15 January 1953

1. Program Content

Subjects stressed during this period included the Vienna Congress, the celebration of Albanian Independence Day, reviews of the progress made by the NSEA and the Free World during 1952 with some forecasts of things to come, and comments on various dates such as Mehmet Shehu's birthday, and Omer Nishani's appointment to the Presidency of the "Peoples Republic." But, of course, the main topics stressed these past few days has been the Prague trials and the accusations against the Soviet doctors with the underlying anti-Semitic theme. Since HTGRUBBY has always stressed the analogies between Nazism and Communism, this line of attack was fully exploited with the news of growing anti-Semitism of the reds. As usual, appeals to various Communist groups was made on the average of once per week.

2. Transmission

HTGRUBBY broadcast every day this period with the exception of 19 December and 12 January, as a result of technical difficulties. On 15 December and every Monday and Thursday thereafter, with the exception of legal holidays and days when technical difficulties or weather prevented flights, the 1730 GMT transmission of HTGRUBBY has been made from an airplane which usually flies on an arc with a 500 mile radius from Tirana, this distance being optimum for the reflection of the radiating wave into Albania.

3. Reception and Effect in Albania

As a result of a dearth of information concerning radio reception from new refugees and the unfeasibility of contacting Apple Team about reception of HTGRUBBY, there has been no recent confirmation of HTGRUBBY's reception in Albania. However, the Brindisi monitoring station will probably be set up in a few weeks, and in addition it is planned to brief the radio operator who is to join Apple in the near future to report on reception of HTGRUBBY within Albania as soon as possible.

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[ ] is still anxiously awaiting an offer from SCCRIND and so is [ ] who is tired of [ ] quitting work and leaving the studio at an early hour each day to see if he has any offer in the mail. If SCCRIND wishes to maintain any control over [ ] and also desires him to come at an early date, it might be well to insist that [ ] accept a contract visa rather than a priority visa under the quota system. Loring still expects the clearance on his visa to come any day now, and will depart as soon as feasible. [ ] expects to leave on the recruiting trip to Rome about 26 January.

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